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To Whom It May Concern:

We are sorry that we will again be unable to attend the Public Hearing today regarding the misuse of Affordable Housing in Milford, Ct. I can assure you that if the meetings were held at a more convenient time, more people would be available to attend. My husband and I are both in our seventies and not by choice, still work during the day. We sacrifice so that we can continue to afford to live in the Lexington Green Community of Milford.

A few years ago, we sold our home in Stamford and purchased a home in Lexington Green in Milford, Ct. The taxes are higher and we pay common charges and knew that we would have to work longer than expected in order to enjoy the lovely City of Milford. Infact, it was not too long after that our two sons decided to do the same. We are now a family that owns three houses on Magnolia Road in Milford. Stamford was getting more like New York City not to mention the traffic and crime rise. After much debate, our family decided that Milford was the place that we would be a better and safer place for our five grandchildren to be raised and that we would be able to enjoy all the wonderful pleasures Milford can provide. For the first few years, there was no doubt the we all made the right decision and that it was worth the extra expense to live here in Milford. In the Lexington Green Complex we do not receive city trash pick- up nor do we have city snow plowing for our streets nor clean-up crews for fall & spring pick-ups. We pay for these services ... but yet, our taxes are higher. **But ... we all accept this because we want to live here and don't mind paying for extras.** Also, we know that we have to put up with the noise of the train that blows its whistle all day long ... and in the middle of the night. The Sikorsky helicopters that fly over our roof tops all day long are also something that we can tolerate, but ... when it comes to a plan to develop a **180 Affordable Housing Complex** on grounds that are believed to be contaminated and to ignore the pleas of the area residents that have attended all of the Public Hearings with concerns about excessive traffic, safety and health issues ... is really going over the line. And, the fact that the Wheelers Farm Property owner has not paid their taxes of over \$300,000 for years ... and why foreclosure proceedings never took place on this property is unbelievable!

It is obvious that the concerned residents cannot afford to hire high power attorneys as these developers are able to do. Therefore, we are at the mercy of our Mayor Ben Blake, Senator Gayle Slossberg and our lawmakers and are asking that they continue to support us in opposing this massive project. Listen to the area residents that have lived here for so long and know how this project will cause major safety and health problems and financial burden for everyone. Don't let us down.

Please don't let these Developers get away with ruining our lovely city and walking away with their pockets full ... leaving the City of Milford holding the bag. Our wish is to remain in Milford ... forever.

Thank you for your continued support.

Most sincerely,  
Eileen & Sal Gonza